

I Claim:

1. A method for making a protective sleeve comprising a combination of a mouth and a sleeve, said method comprising:

providing a sleeve having first and second flaps extending beyond said sleeve, each said flap having a proximate side and a distal side, said sleeve having an opening between said flaps;

providing a mouth including the steps of:

forming a first lip by folding said first flap along a line and away from said opening until said first flap is adjacent to said sleeve;

forming a second lip by folding said second flap over said opening until said second flap is adjacent to said first lip; and

providing a joint adjacent to the proximate side of said second flap and a joint adjacent to said distal side of said second flap, said joints being located to urge said flaps in an orientation planar with the sleeve such that said protective covering is openable by pulling said lips apart in opposite directions perpendicular to the line; and wherein:

said mouth is closable by pulling said proximate and said distal sides in opposite directions perpendicular to said line.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of locating the protective sleeve in thematically-shaped packaging, the packaging being formed in a golf ball shape.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the protective covering is rain apparel.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the thematically-shaped packaging is located within thematically-configured packaging, the thematically-configured packaging being shaped as a sleeve for golf balls.

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